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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 20 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the organization (A/54/1) [10]

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, President of Georgia

7. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Lionel Jospin, Prime Minister of the French Republic

   Jordan

8. Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/54/313/Add.1 and 2) [8]

3 p.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Portuguese Republic

6. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bangladesh

Address by His Excellency Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by His Excellency Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Address by His Excellency The Honorable Mahendra Pal Chaudhry, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji

Côte d'Ivoire

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: www. un.org/ga/54/list54.htm. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

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TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
(*27 and 28 September 1999*)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) in the debate on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-3001G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Competitive examination for promotion to the professional category of staff members from other categories
2. Amendments to staff rules
3. Administrative issuances on delegation of authority
4. Hiring and use of consultants in the Secretariat; Consultants and individual contractors

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for members of permanent missions will not be held from Monday, 20 September, to Friday, 1 October. The briefings will resume on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 12.30 p.m..

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 20 September 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES
(on the drafting of the ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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There will be an Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting on Monday, 20 September 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting will be closed.

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The National Coordinators of the Rio Group will meet on Monday, 20 September 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Rio Group on Monday, 20 September 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a Rio Group/ASEAN meeting on Monday, 20 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

In connection with the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, there will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea on Monday, 20 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on Wednesday, 22 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 24 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference D.

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Briefings

The Permanent Mission of Cuba will hold briefings for interested delegations and representatives of non-governmental organizations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, on the theme "The Impact of the United States Economic, Financial and Commercial Embargo against Cuba on the Cuban Population: A Perspective from Cuban Youth and Health Organizations", and on Wednesday, 22 September, on "A Cuban Perspective from the Views of Cuban Religious Organizations".

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 6th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alberto Fujimori, President of the Republic of Peru

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala

5. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Russian Federation

   Ghana

   Finland

3 p.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Republic of Venezuela

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, President of the Republic of Argentina

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mikuláš Dzurinda, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

   Mali

   Japan

   Austria

   Ukraine

   Morocco

   Uzbekistan

   Sweden

   United Arab Emirates

   Spain

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at *12 noon* in Conference Room 4.

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 23 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/54/L.1)*.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 4 October (see document A/C.4/54/L.1*), are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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* To be issued.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/54/L.1*.

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* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/54/L.1)*.

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* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will shortly be issued in document A/C.5/54/L.1

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

The Sixth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 27 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.6/54/L.1)*.

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* To be issued.

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The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives will meet in resumed session, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Third Committee in Conference Room 2, in order to take action on draft decisions A/AC.253/L.12 and L.13.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room E (to be confirmed).

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The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Eleventh Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement with the Group of 77 and China (Joint Coordinating Committee) on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 23 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Special briefings

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, on his mission to Sierra Leone and Guinea and Security Council resolution 1261, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*.

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The Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Mr. Michael Platzer, will brief permanent missions on current efforts to implement the Barbados Plan of Action on Drug Control. The briefing will be held on Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are organizing the second session in the UNU/UNITAR Series, entitled "Workshop on International Environmental Law". Session II will be conducted in English on Thursday , 30 September, and on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 23 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.:(212) 963-9684).

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The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations, originally scheduled to be held from 27 to 29 September, will now take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York.

The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The new registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 17 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4046th (resumed) meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (S/1999/957)

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Pakistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa and Japan.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier in the meeting, the Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Mongolia.

The Council then heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Norway, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Egypt, Slovakia, Rwanda and India.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Botswana, Israel and Pakistan.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier in the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Head of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The President made a statement in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

Pursuant to the request of the Secretary-General, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/981).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/981) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1265 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3rd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/54/333) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Equatorial Guinea had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of the items : first report of the General Committee (A/54/[illegible]) [6]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/54/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Observations on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly decided that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 48, that the consideration of item 96 be

deferred to the fifty-fifth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 49 to include item 166.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 to include item 168.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 51 to include item 169.

In paragraph 52, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided to defer the consideration of the inclusion of item 170 to a later date.

In paragraph 53, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 171.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54 to include item 172.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement against the inclusion of item 173.

The President made a statement.

The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Namibia and South Africa made statements in favour of the inclusion of item 173.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55 to include item 173

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 56 of its report (A/54/250).

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Items 7 to 170

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 170.

Allocation of the items (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 57 of the report of the General Committee (A/54/250).

The President of the General Assembly recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 63 of the report of the General Committee.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (a).

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (b).

In regard to item 52, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (c).

In regard to item 96, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (e).

In regard to item 99 (h), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (f).

In regard to item 106, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (g).

In regard to item 109, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (h).

In regard to item 154 (a), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (i).

In regard to item 157, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (j).

In regard to item 162, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (k).

In regard to item 165, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (l).

In regard to item 167, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (m).

In regard to item 168, the General assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (n).

In regard to item 170, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 (o).

In regard to item 76, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60.

In regard to item 109, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60.

In regard to item 169, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 63 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 63 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Madagascar (16 September 1999)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: India (17 September 1999)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Bangladesh (16 September 1999)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security announcements

Grounds passes

Regarding the issuance of United Nations grounds passes, the Pass and Identification Office, located on the ground floor of the UNITAR Building (45th Street and First Avenue), will be open *today* and *tomorrow*, 18 and 19 September, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. For extended hours of service please fax requests to the Chief, Security and Safety Service (fax: (212) 963-9541).

Closure of the garage

For security reasons, the United Nations garage will be closed for parking at 12 noon on Sunday, 19 September 1999, and will reopen for authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. Those who intend to make use of the parking area from 51st to 57th Streets from 6 a.m. Sunday, 19 September, to 6 a.m. on Monday, 20 September, should display their valid United Nations parking decal on the interior dashboard windonw. Further details about arrangements can be found in circular ST/IC/1999/75.

Arrangements for the official party

The permanent and observer missions wishing to discuss security arrangements for the official visit of their Government during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly may contact the Security and Safety Service (tel.: (212) 963-9346 or 963-7531). Attention will be given to requests for walk-throughs and it will be possible to schedule an appointment during the weekend of 17 to 19 September.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Botswana
H.E. M. Legwaila Jospeh Legwaila

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Volkan Vural

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Paraguay
Mr. Genero Vicente Pappalardo
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingolfsson

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